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KENTUCKY STATE NATURE PRESERVES COMMISSION TO MEET *Hike planned through Lower Howard's Creek State Nature Preserve*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 28, 2007) – The Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission (KSNPC) will conduct its next quarterly public meeting at 2:30 p.m. EDT on Sept. 12 at Hall's on the River Restaurant, 1225 Athens-Boonesboro Road, Winchester, KY. Information is available by calling 502-573-2886.

A hike through the adjacent Lower Howard's Creek State Nature Preserve will begin at 10 a.m. EDT. The hike will be led by KSNPC staff and will last about three hours. After the hike, participants are invited to have lunch at Hall's, which is famous for authentic Kentucky cuisine.

KSNPC's mission is to protect Kentucky's natural heritage by: (1) identifying, acquiring and managing natural areas that represent the best-known occurrences of rare native species, natural communities and significant natural features in a statewide nature preserve system; (2) working with others to protect biological diversity; and (3) educating Kentuckians about the value and purpose of nature preserves and biodiversity conservation. The commission inventories Kentucky for significant natural areas and protects the best examples in the statewide nature preserve system.

The meeting facility is accessible to people with disabilities. KSNPC will provide, upon request, reasonable accommodations, including auxiliary aids and services necessary to afford individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in all programs and activities. To make special arrangements, contact Leslie Isaman at KSNPC by Sept. 7 at (502) 573-2886 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. EDT.

More information about the commission can be obtained by mail (KSNPC, 801 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Ky. 40601-1403), by telephone (502-573-2886) or via Internet (www.naturepreserves.ky.gov).

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